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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of: Carl E. Bohnenkamp, Ethan H. Cannon, Ethan Cascio, Michael S. Gordon, Kenneth P. Rodbell and Theodore H. Zabel

For: AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF DEGRADERS IN ACCELERATED TESTING OF COMPUTER CHIPS

which is to be assigned to IBM Corporation, Armonk, New York, and who should be listed on any patent application publication as the Assignee of this application.

TYPE OF FILING

This new patent application is for a(n):

- ☒ Utility
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Plant
- ☐ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation
- ☐ Continuation-in-part

Benefit of a prior filed application

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
- ☐ Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of \_\_\_\_\_ to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on that date.

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- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153.

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 10 - pages of written description;
  - ☒ 5 - pages of claims;
  - ☒ 1 - pages of abstract;
  - ☒ 3 - sheets of formal drawings;
  - ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ - sheets of informal drawings;
  - ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney or listing of inventors;
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- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation (in two parts) and an Assignment cover sheet;
- ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 (IDS) and two copies of the references listed thereon;
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_ (country) patent application number \_\_\_\_\_ (priority document).
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#### INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☒ the same;
- ☐ not the same and, as an explanation, a statement is/ will be submitted.

#### LANGUAGE

The application submitted herewith is:

- ☒ in English;
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  - ☐ attached
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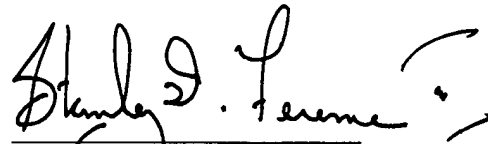
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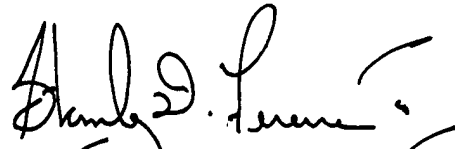
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